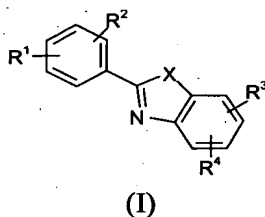


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

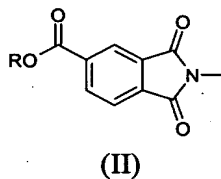
1. (previously presented) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof:



wherein

X is O or S;

R¹ is a phthalimide carboxylic acid group of formula (II):



R is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, aryl or C₁-C₃ alkylaryl;

R² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, OR⁵, a 5-membered heteroaryl ring, or NR⁵R⁵;

R³ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR¹⁰, COR⁶, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, CN, S(O)_pR⁹, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁵, COR⁶, CN, CHO, OCHF₂, NR⁷R⁸, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, S(O)_pR⁹ and methylenedioxy, or a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl ring which is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R³ and R⁴ together form a fused phenyl ring or a -O-(CH₂)_x-O- group, wherein x is 1 or 2;

R⁵ is independently hydrogen, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, NR⁷R⁸, phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, wherein phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen,

CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy and wherein the heteroaryl ring is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R⁵ and R⁵, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a 5- or 6-membered ring which optionally contains an additional heteroatom selected from O, S, and NR¹⁰;

R⁶ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, OR⁵, NR⁷R⁸ or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁵, COR¹⁰, CN, CHO, OCHF₂, NR⁷R⁸, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, S(O)_pR⁹ and methylenedioxy;

R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen, phenyl, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl or a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring, wherein in each case, the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy and the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R⁷ and R⁸ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which is optionally substituted by CONR¹⁰R¹⁰ and optionally contains an additional heteroatom selected from O, S and NR¹¹;

R⁹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, phenyl or C₁-C₃ alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl, wherein in each case the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy; and

p is 0, 1 or 2;

provided that the compound is not 2-[4-(5-carboxy-1,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-2H-isoindol-2-yl)phenyl]-6-benzothiazolecarboxylic acid.

2. (original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein X is O.

3. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is meta to the benzoxazole or benzothiazole group.
4. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is hydrogen, OR⁵ or NR⁵R⁵.
5. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ is hydrogen or halogen.
6. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR¹⁰, COR⁶, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁵, COR⁶, CN, CHO, OCHF₂ and NR⁷R⁸, or a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl ring which is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl; or R³ and R⁴ together form a fused phenyl ring.
7. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 6 wherein R⁴ is COR⁶, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁵, COR⁶, CN, CHO, OCHF₂ and NR⁷R⁸, or a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl ring which is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl.
8. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein each R⁵ is, independently, hydrogen, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C₁-C₃ alkoxy or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, wherein the heteroaryl ring is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl.
9. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁶ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, OR⁵ or NR⁷R⁸.

10. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 9 wherein R⁶ is OR⁵ or NR⁷R⁸.

11. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl or a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy and the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl; or R⁷ and R⁸ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which is optionally substituted by CONH₂ and optionally contains an additional heteroatom selected from O, S and NR¹¹.

12. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

13. (previously presented) A compound which is

2-[3-(Benzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(Naphth[2,3-d]oxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(6-Methylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Chlorobenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-(naphth[2,3-d]oxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-(6-methylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-(5-chlorobenzoxazolyl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-(benzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Chloro-(5-chlorobenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Chloro-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methyl-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methyl-5-(benzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(benzofuran-2-yl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-acetyl)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3,4-dimethoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(2-methoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3,4-dichloro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-chloro-4-fluoro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-trifluoromethyl)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-[4-(1-hydroxyethyl)]phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-methyl)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-[(5-methyl)thiophen-2-yl]benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-methoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-cyano)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-methyl)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-methoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-fluoro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-chloro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-fluoro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(2,4-difluoro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3,5-difluoro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-trifluoromethoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-trifluoromethoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(2,4-dichloro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Propargyloxy-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Ethoxy-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-(2-Methoxyethylamino)-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Ethoxy-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-(2-Methoxyethoxy)-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Butoxy-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Isopropoxy-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Allyloxy-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Hydroxy-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propoxy-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-(3-Furanylmethoxy)-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-(2-Methoxyethoxy)-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[5-(5-Phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)-2-(3-tetrahydrofuranylmethoxy)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[5-(5-Phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)-2-(3-thiophenylmethoxy)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-(4-Morpholinyl)-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid, acetic acid salt;

2-[4-Ethylamino-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-(2-Methoxyethylamino)-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Morpholinyl-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Butylamino-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Hexylamino-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Pentylamino-3-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-(3-Benzoxazol-2-yl-4-propylaminophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-(3-Naphtho[2,3-d]oxazol-2-yl-4-propylaminophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Chlorobenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(6-Methylbenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(6-Fluorobenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Bromobenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Methoxybenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5,7-Dichlorobenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Trifluoromethylbenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Bromo-7-fluorobenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Fluorobenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(6,7-Difluorobenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Methylbenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(4-Methylbenzoxazol-2-yl)-4-propylaminophenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-(3-[6-(2-Tetrahydrofuranylmethylaminocarbonyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl)-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-[6-(4-Piperonylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-[6-(4-Piperazinoacetophenone-1-carbonyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-[6-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazine-1-carbonyl]benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl)-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-[6-(3-Carbamoylpiperidine-1-carbonyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-[6-(4-Methoxybenzylaminocarbonyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-[6-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzylaminocarbonyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Carboxy-1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl)phenyl]benzoxazole-6-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Carboxy-1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl)phenyl]benzoxazole-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

2-[3-(5-Carboxy-1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl)phenyl]benzoxazole-7-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Benzyloxycarbonyl-1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)phenyl]benzoxazole-6-carboxylic acid;

2-[3-(5-Methyloxycarbonyl-1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl)phenyl]benzoxazole-6-carboxylic acid;

2-[5-(5-Bromobenzoxazol-2-yl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[5-(5-Phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)-2-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Fluoro-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Chloro-5-(5-phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(2-benzothiophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-methyl-4-chlorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-fluoro-3-formylphenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(3,4-difluorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[2-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-ethylsulfonylphenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

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2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(2-benzofuranyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(3,5-difluorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(3-methoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Methoxy-5-[5-(4-methylphenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-3-[5-(2-benzofuranyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(2-benzothiophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(3-methyl-4-chlorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(3-chloro-4-fluoro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(3,5-difluoro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)benzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(4-trifluoromethoxy)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(4-trifluoromethyl)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

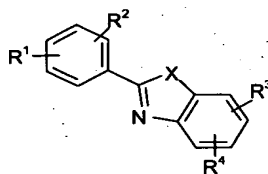
2-[4-Propylamino-5-[5-(3-chloro)phenylbenzoxazol-2-yl]phenyl]-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-5-carboxylic acid;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

14. (canceled)

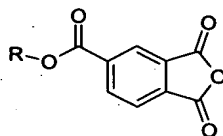
15. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 which comprises:

a) heating a compound of formula (III):



(III)

wherein R¹ is NH₂ or a protected derivative thereof with a compound of formula (IV):

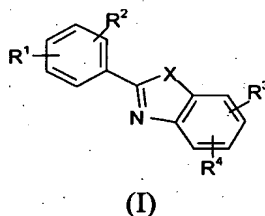


(IV)

in a suitable acidic medium, or

b) heating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV) with an organic base in a suitable solvent, followed by heating in a suitable acidic medium.

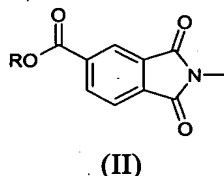
16. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof:



wherein

X is O or S;

R¹ is a phthalimide carboxylic acid group of formula (II):



R is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, aryl or C₁-C₃ alkylaryl;

R² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, OR⁵, a 5-membered heteroaryl ring, or NR⁵R⁵;

R³ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR¹⁰, COR⁶, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, CN, S(O)_pR⁹, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁵, COR⁶, CN, CHO, OCHF₂, NR⁷R⁸, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, S(O)_pR⁹ and methylenedioxy, or a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl ring which is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R³ and R⁴ together form a fused phenyl ring or a -O-(CH₂)_x-O- group, wherein x is 1 or 2;

R⁵ is independently hydrogen, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, NR⁷R⁸, phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, wherein phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy and wherein the heteroaryl ring is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R^5 and R^5 , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a 5- or 6-membered ring which optionally contains an additional heteroatom selected from O, S, and NR^{10} ;

R^6 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, OR^5 , NR^7R^8 or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, CF_3 , OCF_3 , OR^5 , COR^{10} , CN, CHO, $OCHF_2$, NR^7R^8 , $NHCOR^7$, $NHSO_2R^9$, $S(O)_pR^9$ and methylenedioxy;

R^7 and R^8 are independently hydrogen, phenyl, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl or a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring, wherein in each case, the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF_3 , OCF_3 , CHO, OR^{10} , COR^{10} , R^{10} , CN and methylenedioxy and the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted by C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

or R^7 and R^8 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which is optionally substituted by $CONR^{10}R^{10}$ and optionally contains an additional heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^{11} ;

R^9 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF_3 , OCF_3 , CHO, OR^{10} , COR^{10} , R^{10} , CN and methylenedioxy;

R^{10} is hydrogen, C_3 - C_6 alkenyl, C_3 - C_6 alkynyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy;

R^{11} is hydrogen, phenyl or C_1 - C_3 alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl, wherein in each case the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF_3 , OCF_3 , CHO, OR^{10} , COR^{10} , R^{10} , CN and methylenedioxy; and

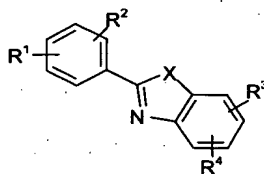
p is 0, 1 or 2,

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient and/or diluent.

17-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A method for the treatment of ~~cancer, angiogenesis, angiogenesis-related disorders, inflammatory diseases, autoimmune disorders, cardiovascular diseases, or renal disorders~~ melanoma comprising administering to a patient suffering from

~~such a disease or disorder~~ melanoma a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof:

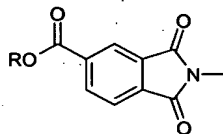


(I)

wherein

X is O or S;

R¹ is a phthalimide carboxylic acid group of formula (II):



(II)

R is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, aryl or C₁-C₃ alkylaryl;

R² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, OR⁵, a 5-membered heteroaryl ring, or NR⁵R⁵;

R³ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR¹⁰, COR⁶, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, CN, S(O)_pR⁹, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁵, COR⁶, CN, CHO, OCHF₂, NR⁷R⁸, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, S(O)_pR⁹ and methylenedioxy, or a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl ring which is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R³ and R⁴ together form a fused phenyl ring or a -O-(CH₂)_x-O- group, wherein x is 1 or 2;

R⁵ is independently hydrogen, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, NR⁷R⁸, phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, wherein phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy and wherein the heteroaryl ring is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R⁵ and R⁵, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a 5- or 6-membered ring which optionally contains an additional heteroatom selected from O, S, and NR¹⁰;

R⁶ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, OR⁵, NR⁷R⁸ or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁵, COR¹⁰, CN, CHO, OCHF₂, NR⁷R⁸, NHCOR⁷, NHSO₂R⁹, S(O)_pR⁹ and methylenedioxy;

R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen, phenyl, a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl or a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring, wherein in each case, the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy and the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R⁷ and R⁸ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which is optionally substituted by CONR¹⁰R¹⁰ and optionally contains an additional heteroatom selected from O, S and NR¹¹;

R⁹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C₁-C₃ alkoxy;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, phenyl or C₁-C₃ alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl, wherein in each case the phenyl is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CHO, OR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, R¹⁰, CN and methylenedioxy; and

p is 0, 1 or 2.

25-29. (canceled)